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Meeting Date: September 12, 2013  
Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M. CDT  
Meeting Place: Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission  
(NIRPC), Auditorium  
Meeting Address: 6100 Southport Road, Portage, Indiana, 46368.  
Meeting Number: 1

### TENTATIVE MEETING AGENDA

**10:00 - 10:10**

Welcome and introductions, Chairman Soliday

**10:10 - 10:30**

Current port operations and opportunities, Rich Cooper, Chief  
Executive Officer, Ports of Indiana

**10:30 - 12:15**

Issues related to SEA 585-2013 (addition of second port to  
serve Lake Michigan)

**10:30 - 10:45**

Economic analysis, Joseph Berlin, URS Corporation

**10:45 - 11:00**

Engineering and construction issues and costs, U.S.  
Army Corps of Engineers, Diedra Willis, Chicago District

**11:00 - 11:10**

Environmental issues, Brad Baughn, Business and  
Legislative Liaison, Indiana Department of  
Environmental Management

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**11:10 - 11:20**

Regional impact assessment, Mark Maassel, President and Chief Executive Officer, Northwest Indiana Forum

**11:20 - 11:30**

Regional impact assessment, Bill Hanna, President and Chief Executive Officer, Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (NIRDA)

**11:30 - 11:40**

Regional impact assessment, Ty Warner, Executive Director, NIRPC

**11:40 - 12:05**

Regional impact assessment, Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, City of Gary; Mayor Anthony Copeland, City of East Chicago; Mayor James Snyder, City of Portage

**12:05 - 12:15**

Labor issues, International Longshoremen's Association

**12:15 - 1:15**

Working lunch for committee members and staff

**1:15 - 1:20**

Call to order, Chairman Soliday

**1:20 - 1:30**

Transit potential and challenges, Congressman Pete Visclosky, First Congressional District of Indiana

**1:30 - 1:40**

Northwest Indiana transit overview, Bill Hanna, NIRDA

**1:40 - 2:10**

Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) strategic and financial plan, NICTD staff and URS

**2:10 - 2:25**

Regional transit vision, Ty Warner, NIRPC

**2:25 - 2:40**

Economic development impact of regional transit, Mark Maassel, Northwest Indiana Forum

**2:40 - 2:50**

Vision for transit oriented development, Town of Munster

**2:50 - 3:35**

Transit vision and concerns of cities served by NICTD, Mayor Tom McDermott, Hammond; Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, Gary; Mayor James Snyder, Portage; Mayor Ron Meer, Michigan City; Mayor Pete Buttigieg, South Bend

**3:35 - 3:45**

Transit governance models, Joseph Berlin, URS

**3:45 - 4:00**

Committee discussion and adjournment